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TOPIC Military information from Neustrelitz

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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- 25X1 1. On 8 August 1952, the Neue Infanterie Kaserne on Penzliner Chaussee, Neustrelitz (F 54/U 54), was occupied by between 3,000 and 4,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank or artillery insignia. A column of tanks left the installation in the evening toward Wilhelminenhof.

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2. On 6 August, 10 to 12 trucks, including 4 towing light AT guns and 1 jeep left the Schlossgarten restricted area on Kastanienallee and proceeded toward Wilhelminenhof. (2)
3. On 1 August, the Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse restricted area was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Sixty soldiers practiced combat firing with submachine guns at the firing range in forest section No 40. Several soldiers trained with a 57-mm AT gun. Truck [redacted] was nearby. The gun was towed shortly afterwards toward the Neue Infanterie Kaserne via Strelitzer Strasse by truck [redacted]

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4. On 5 August, the former SA Sportlager west of the Zinnow-Gross Trebow road was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia. Intensive construction work was under way in the camp.

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5. On 6 August, 18 motorcycles left the Domjych restricted area west of the Domjychsee for a cross-country ride. Nine soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets trained with a 82-mm mortar in the wooded area southeast of the restricted area and, later, hauled the mortar to the restricted area. Tanks were seen engaged in driving practice and firing in the wooded area northeast of the restricted

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6. At 3:30 p.m. on 6 August, a column of between 12 and 14 trucks with 6 pontoons and 1 crane truck [redacted] went from Altstrelitz to Neustrelitz. Eight prime movers each towing a 100-mm AT gun moved toward Speck via Zierker Strasse on 10 August. On 11 August, a column of 5 M-13 rocket launchers, 3 trucks [redacted] each towing a light AT gun, 10 motorcycles, 2 trucks [redacted] were seen in Neustrelitz. [redacted] believed that part of the column entered the Schlossgarten restricted area and part, the Neue Infanterie Kaserne. (1)
7. On 23 July, a chart showing diagrams of tanks, guns, motor vehicles, tractors, aircraft and bombs was found at the guard building of the supply unit in the replacement part depot on Zierkersee. The diagrams fixed the locations in weapons and vehicles at which explosive charges were to be attached and indicated the size of the explosive charges.
8. While on duty on 23 July, [redacted] one building of the Tiergarten restricted area on Tiergartenstrasse was again occupied by 500 personnel including 4 captains, 1 senior lieutenant, 8 civilians, 3 drivers and 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. (3)
9. While on duty on 17 July, [redacted] the Schlosskoppel restricted area on Zuercherseeweg was occupied by about 100 soldiers with motor transport insignia and about 100 motor vehicles. (2)

Comments.

- (1) The location of the units of the 9th Gds Tank Div in and around Neustrelitz apparently remained unchanged until mid-August. The transfer of artillery units of this division during the period from 2 to about 10 August was observed only when two units returned to the Schlossgarten restricted area and the Neue Infanterie Kaserne on 11 August. The Neue Infanterie Kaserne appears less heavily occupied than during the preceding months. It is probable that one of the three medium tank regiments and possibly the 74th Gds Recon Bn were transferred to the Donjych restricted area from this barracks installation for training purposes in June. Compare the observation [redacted] [redacted]. A post training area is probably located in Wilhelminenhor. The location of this area is not known.
- (2) The Schlosskoppel restricted area was first reported in May this year. It was believed at that time that it was possibly identical with the Schlossgarten restricted area. [redacted] The information [redacted] definitely indicates that the Schlosskoppel restricted area is located much farther south of the Schlossgarten restricted area. The motor vehicles seen tend to indicate that the Schlosskoppel restricted area quarters the unidentified motor transport battalion of the 9th Gds Tank Div. The AT guns seen in the Schlossgarten restricted area are believed to have been light AT guns.

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- (3) The entire 90th Ks Wgr Bn was presumably in the [REDACTED] in early August. In mid-May, the battalion had moved from the Tiergarten restricted area to the Sportlager. In late June, part of the Tiergarten restricted area was occupied by civilians. About 50 soldiers wearing black-bordered prisoner tabulets were again seen in late July. [REDACTED] This letter information has been confirmed [REDACTED]

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